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SUBJECT: LABOR DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT AND MININTERIOR

SUMMARY. JOINT CGT-62 ORGANIZATIONS MEETING IS BEING HELD TODAY (FEB 9) TO REVIEW AND RECONSIDER LABOR'S RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT PERON AND MININTERIOR ARES. DISSATISFACTION WITH BOTH HAS REACHED POINT OF NEAR RUPTURE IN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CGT, 62 ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR CONGRESSMEN AND PROVINCIAL LABOR LEADERS ARE MEETING TODAY IN ATTEMPT TO REACH CONSENSUS POSITION ON HOW TO REACT TO RECENT PRESIDENTIAL AND MININTERIOR ACTS PREJUDICIAL TO LABOR'S POSITION AND INTERESTS. MININTERIOR ARES IS EXPECTED TO COME UNDER STRONG ATTACK FOR HAVING ARRANGED FEB 6 MEETING BETWEEN BA GOVERNOR CALABRO AND PRESIDENT, AND FOR HAVING ORDERED WITHDRAWAL OF POLICE GUARDS ASSIGNED TO LABOR LEADERS. PRESIDENT'S ACQUIESCENCE WITH ARES'S PROPOSALS AND HER CONTINUED DISREGARD OF LABOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE STRAINED RELATIONS TO NEAR BREAKING POINT.

2. FEB 6 CALABRO-PERON-ARES MEETING, IN WHICH CALABRO APPARENTLY MAINTAINED HIS DEFIANT POSITION, SPARKED FURIOUS REACTION FROM LABOR. BOTH 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADERS AND LOYALIST PERONIST CONGRESSMEN MET SEPARATELY WITH ARES AND PRESIDENT DURING SAME DAY. DESPITE LABOR'S POSITION THAT MEETING WITH "TRAITOR" CALABRO WAS

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BETRAYAL OF PERONIST AND LABOR MOVEMENTS, BOTH ARES AND PRESIDENT

DEFENDED MEETING AS JUSTIFIABLE EFFORT TO REUNITE DIFFERING PERONIST FACTIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HARSH CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES WERE THROWN BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN TRADE UNIONISTS AND ARES. ADDITIONALLY, PRESIDENT PERON REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT "CORRUPT, SELF-SEEKING LABOR LEADERS" WERE MISLEADING LABOR MOVEMENT AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF COUNTRY'S ILLS. LABOR CONGRESSMEN HAVE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED RESIGNING EN MASE IN PROTEST, BUT SUCH A DRASTIC REACTION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE APPROVED. NEVERTHELESS, THE LABOR SUMMIT MEETING TODAY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DEMONSTRATE THAT PERONIST "VERTICALITY OF COMMAND", WHICH REQUIRES UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE TO MRS. PERON, IS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES A DEAD LETTER.

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